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Secretary Thompson Meets with the Middle East Cancer Consortium Geneva, Switzerland

May 14th, 2002

The Ministerial Committee for the Middle East Cancer Consortium (MECC) met in Geneva, Switzerland on May 14, 2002. The MECC is based on a ministerial agreement signed in 1996. The flagship activity of MECC is the support of six population-based cancer registries. MECC provides assistance for registries in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Gaza, and the West Bank. Cancer registries are critical components of a public health system, providing information on the incidence of cancer as well as on outcomes in terms of survival. Secretary Thompson chaired the annual meeting.



Left to right: Dr. Joe Harford, Director Office of

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Left to right: Dr. Joe Harford, Director Office of International Affairs, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD; Dr. Samir Al-Kayed, Chairman MECC BoG, Amman, Jordan; Dr. Faleh Al-Nasser, Minister of Health, Amman, Jordan; Prof. Rami Rahamimoff, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Health, Jerusalem, Israel; Secretary Tommy Thompson, USA; Mr. Frixos Savvides, Minister of Health, Nicosia, Cyprus; Dr. Munzer Sharif, Deputy Minister of Health, Nablus, The Palestinian Authority; Dr. Michael Silbermann, Executive Director, MECC; and Dr. Majed Abu Ramadan, Director, Dept. International Cooperation, Ministry of Health, Gaza, The Palestinian Authority.

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